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Probers Find CIA Should Be Improved In 'Important Areas'

By the Associated Press

A special White House study group has concluded that the Central Intelligence Agency can and should be improved in "important areas."

But the group, created by President Eisenhower and headed by famed World War II flyer James A. Doolittle, found that that the agency is doing "a creditable job" in view of its relatively short life and rapid expansion.

The CIA was set up after World War II to co-ordinate United States espionage, counter-espionage and other intelligence activities around the world. Two months ago, Gen. Eisenhower secretly appointed Gen. Doolittle to give the President an independent appraisal of highly sensitive agency operations.

Gen. Doolittle yesterday submitted to the President a list of recommendations for improving intelligence operations, but they apparently included no sweeping outward changes.

In keeping with the usual secrecy surrounding the CIA, the recommendations were not made public and the White House said Gen. Eisenhower had "the only copy in existence."

There were indications, however, that these recommendations dealt with the quality of intelligence work itself and not with any organizational problems. A task force of the Hoover Government Reorganization Commission under Gen. Mark W. Clark is concentrating on a study of organization of intelligence services.

White House Press Secretary James Hagerty said the Doolittle recommendations could be carried out internally within the CIA and not require congressional action.

Gen. Doolittle, after joining his staff members in personally submitting the report to the President, said his group has

reached these conclusions about the CIA:

1. Its placement in the overall organization of the Government is proper.
2. The laws under which it operates are adequate.
3. Provisions for its financial support are sufficiently flexible to meet current operation needs.
4. "It is exercising care to insure the loyalty of its personnel." During the Army-McCarthy hearings last June 2, Senator McCarthy, Republican, of Wisconsin, dropped into the record a remark that "Communist infiltration of the CIA . . . disturbs me beyond words." CIA Chief Allen W. Dulles called it a false statement and said an earlier statement by Senator McCarthy that an alleged Communist in the Government Printing Office had access to CIA classified material "also was false."
5. It is gradually improving its capabilities.

Gen. Doolittle added:

"There are, however, important areas in which the CIA organization, administration and operations can and should be improved. The agency is aware of these problems and in many cases steps are being taken toward their solution."